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AND METHOD THEREFOR AND)
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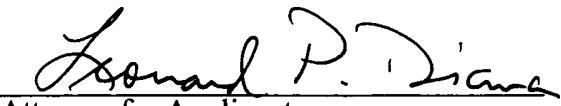
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Sir:

Submitted herewith is a translation of the PCT International Preliminary Examination Report, a copy of the original of which was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement dated October 2, 2003.

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

 the international application as originally filed the description:

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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	2, 3, 11, 12, 17-19, 21, 25	YES
	Claims	1, 4-10, 13-16, 20, 22-24, 26, 27	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2, 3, 11, 12, 21, 25	YES
	Claims	1, 4-10, 13-20, 22-24, 26, 27	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-27	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Claims 1, 4-10, 13-16, 20, 22-24, 26 and 27

Document 1: JP, 2000-97637, A (Olympus Optical Co., Ltd.), 7 April, 2000 (07.04.00), full text, all drawings describes an image processing apparatus, comprising (1) an image information acquiring means, (2) a gyro sensor for measuring the posture of an imaging viewpoint, (3) a means for predicting and setting an image to be processed for detecting a predetermined characteristic point, (4) a means for carrying out template matching processing between the characteristic point data provided as a template and the said set image, for detecting the position of the characteristic point, (5) a means for updating and storing the angle information and translational position information obtained by image analysis based on the detected position, and (6) a means for calculating the posture and position of the object to be measured, based on the value measured by the gyro sensor, the angle information and the translational position information.

It is also described that in the case where two or more characteristics points are detected, the position information in three directions is obtained.

Claims 17-19

Document 2: JP, 2000-350860, A (Mixed Reality Systems Laboratory Inc.), 19 December, 2000 (19.12.00), full text, all drawings

describes that a virtual image is superimposed for displaying based on the position and posture of an imaging device. The invention described in document 2 also relates to a feeling of mixed reality, and it is considered to be obvious for a person skilled in the art to apply the invention described in document 2 to the invention described in document 1.

Claims 2, 3, 11, 12, 21 and 25

Documents 1 and 2 neither describe nor suggest that (1) the predicted position of an index in a picked-up image is obtained using both a measured value and the calculated information stored in a storage means, and (2) an image to be applied to the peripheral region of the predicted position is prepared.